(i) the imbalances and inequities inherent in some of the WTO Agreements; (ii) non-realization of expected benefits through WTO Agreements pertaining to subjects such as Agriculture and Textiles, (iii) operationalization into contractual obligations of the Special and Differential treatment provisions in favour of developing countries. It has been also stressed that WTO agreement have already provided for mandated negotiations and mandated reviews which by themselves along with Implementation Issues constitute a fairly large agenda and that there is no need to further overburden the WTO agenda with non-trade related issues.

Extension of Transport Subsidy Scheme

1091. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transport subsidy scheme aimed at helping industrialisation of hilly, remote and inaccessible areas of the country is shortly coming to an end;

(b) if so, whether Government would extend the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) (a) The Transport Subsidy Scheme introduced in July, 1971 is valid up to 31.3.2007 for the States in the North-Eastern region. For other regions i.e. the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh, the district of Darjeeling in West Bengal, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, it is valid up to 31.3.2000.

(b) The proposal for further extension of the scheme in respect of the States/Union Territories where the scheme is presently valid up to 31.3.2000, is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Industries set up in Maharashtra

1092. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) die number of industries set up, in private and public sector, in Maharashtra during the period from 1992 to 1999, alongwith me locations thereof;